

have spent the same in sorrow and gloom while kept as the tenants of jails in the State.

In noticing the efforts made by those who have labored in behalf of the erection and completion of the asylum, it surely will not appear invidious towards others to refer at the present time to the active efforts in its behalf, on the part of one who was its earliest champion and successful pleader, and has continued to exhibit and feel the same hearty zeal in its erection.

Unwilling as we know she is to receive a public recognition of thanks for services in the cause of benevolence, (however important or signal in their consequences,) and enjoying, as she already does, (and so well deserved,) at this moment a world-wide reputation for her active and philanthropic efforts towards relieving the sorrows of the distressed, we deem the present a suitable occasion in which to present this humble but not less sincerely felt tribute of thanks for her acceptance, for the heroic and untiring efforts on the part of Miss Dix in originating and prosecuting with success the law establishing and building the Insane Asylum of North Carolina.

The allotted period of appointment as superintendent of construction having expired by act of limitation on the 31st September, 1855, it was your pleasure to appoint the undersigned physician and superintendent, to take effect from the first day of October succeeding.

As soon as the apartments designed for the superintendent and family could be made ready for occupancy, he moved into them. These apartments have been found to realize to the fullest extent, the hopes entertained, respecting their comfort and suitableness of furnishing spacious and convenient accommodation for a family.

Active measures were then taken, and preparations made by hiring servants, purchasing supplies and furniture for the reception of patients, and by order of your board, public notice was given through the columns of the Standard and Register, that apartments were then ready for the accommodation of forty patients.

Even before this notice was circulated, we were compelled